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(PSALM 51:14)



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HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

"THOMAS SAITH UNTO HIM, LORD, WE KNOW NOT WHITHER THOU GOEST; AND HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?"

(JOHN 14:5)

If you are reading this, please allow me to tell you to whom it is written. I have written this article for those who want to know the way to the place in heaven the Lord Jesus Christ has prepared for His people.

Those who are His people shall hear "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Those who are not His people shall hear "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Dear reader, I pray that you and I will be found "on His right hand" and hear Him say to us "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (MATTHEW 25:31-46).

I have prayed that those whom Christ came to save would read this article. You see, I did not write this with everyone in mind, rather I only wrote it for those whom the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save [MATTHEW 20:28, JOHN 11,15, 1 TIMOTHY 1:15].

I pray that you would read this article with the same question in mind as that disciple "How can we know the way?" The disciple asked the question so that he might know the way to the place the Lord promised and prepared for him. You see, to be where the Lord is, it's Heaven. Our Lord answered his question with these words "I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE: no man cometh unto the FATHER, but by ME." The Lord would have us to know that He is the way, the truth, and the life that leads us to

our Father in Heaven. Our Lord declared "that where I am, there ye may be also" (JOHN 14:3).

The apostle Paul asked "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (ROMANS 10:14).

I shall preach to you the Gospel of Christ by asking three questions, and answer each question from God's own Word. Why do I want to preach to you my friend? My answer is simply this, "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 CORINTHIANS 1:21).

WHO IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

The Lord Jesus Christ is "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The prophet Isaiah declared of the Lord Jesus Christ "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, THE MIGHTY GOD, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (ISAIAH 9:6).

Dear reader, do you know why the Lord Jesus Christ is called THE MIGHTY GOD? Because that's exactly who He is! The Lord was once asked by Philip, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." And the Lord replied "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER..." (JOHN 14:9).

The apostle John declared of our Lord Jesus Christ, that "ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; and without Him was not any thing made that was made." "...the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (JOHN 1:3,14).

Every one that is born of God is made to know by revelation of the Holy Spirit, who the Lord Jesus Christ is. Reader, the Lord Jesus Christ is the great I AM, the mighty GOD. The Lord Jesus Christ declared "if ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins" (JOHN 8:24).

WHAT DID THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DO?

The Lord Jesus Christ "came into the world to save sinners."

The apostle Paul declared "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 TIMOTHY 1:15).

Dear reader, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He did not come to save those who pretend to be good. If our Lord should send you the Comforter [the HOLY SPIRIT], whom He sends to His people from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceeds from the Father, He shall reveal Christ in you, your sure hope of glory. [JOHN 15:26]

Christ came to be the propitiation [the sacrifice] for the sins of his people; "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a PROPITIATION through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (ROMANS 3:23-26)

Christ came to PURCHASE His beloved people; "ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the PURCHASED possession, unto the praise of his glory" (EPHESIANS 1:13-14).

You see reader, Christ came to make His people perfect; "For by one offering he hath PERFECTED for ever them that are sanctified." To the believing chosen sinner of God I say, ye are complete in Christ! (HEBREWS 10:14, COLOSSIANS 2:9-10)

WHERE IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST NOW?

The Lord Jesus Christ is "on the right hand of the majesty on high."

The word of God declares "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, WHEN HE HAD BY HIMSELF PURGED OUR SINS, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (HEBREWS 1:1-3).

The apostle Paul declares to His beloved people "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the fright hand of God."

The Lord Jesus Christ sits on the right hand of God, having received all power in heaven and in earth and He gives "eternal life to as many" as the Father has given Him, from before the foundation of the world.

Believing sinner, God hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, WHICH WAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN! (2 TIMOTHY 1:9)

Dear reader, if the Father has given you to His Son to be saved, you shall be saved from your sins! May the Lord give you grace to hear Him and follow Him; our Lord declared "He that believeth and is baptized SHALL be saved; but he that believeth not SHALL be damned" [MARK 16:15-20, JOHN 10:27, ACTS 8:36-37].